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CREMONA  
Oraville  
Private

circa 1819

Built by William Thomas of neighboring De La Brooke, the central block of this three-part Federal house is of brick construction, five bays in length at the river facade. At each end is a single chimney enclosed within the gable walls. The main central hall has an interesting staircase which, ascended by one flight, branches into two flights at a first floor landing. The stair is free of all visual means of support.

At each end of the main block are later two-story brick wings. The most recent to be constructed was built circa 1930 during the Davidson family's restoration and rebuilding of the main house and many of the barns and other dependencies.

The tract on which Cremona stands was patented in 1658 as Ashcomb's Land and granted to John Ashcomb. In 1818 John Cartwright Ashcomb sold the plantation to William Thomas, who named the new house ~~he built~~ Cremona after the Italian city renowned for the making of violins.

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Ashcomb's Land; Cremona

AND/OR COMMON

CREMONA (preferred)

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

east of Route 6 on Patuxent River, five miles east of Mechanicsville

CITY, TOWN

Mechanicsville

☒ VICINITY OF

First

STATE

Maryland

CODE

24

COUNTY

St. Mary's

CODE

037

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED by arrangement  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE  
☐ COMMERCIAL  
☒ EDUCATIONAL  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT  
☐ GOVERNMENT  
☐ INDUSTRIAL  
☐ MILITARY  
☐ MUSEUM  
☐ PARK  
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Dr. Norton T. Dodge

STREET &amp; NUMBER

"Cremona"

CITY, TOWN

Mechanicsville

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland 20659

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

St. Mary's County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Leonardtown

STATE

Maryland 20650

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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| CONDITION                                     |                                       | CHECK ONE                                   | CHECK ONE   |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD                 | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR                 | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED    |   |   |

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Cremona is located east of Maryland Route 6, approximately five miles east of Mechanicsville, Maryland, directly on the Patuxent River, and is flanked by Cremona Creek to the south and Persimmon Creek to the north.

Built in 1819, Cremona, one of the largest surviving Federal houses in St. Mary's County, is a reflection of the growing agrarian economy of Maryland in the early 19th century. The main house block was constructed in 1819 and exhibits many characteristics of early Federal architectural style in the United States. This block is 2 1/2 stories tall and five bays wide. Its gable roof is pierced by double inside chimneys with corbeled caps, located on each end of the building's major axis. The brick exterior is laid in American bond. A one-story, wooden, tetrastyle portico of simple Greek Revival design emphasizes the elaborate fan and side-lighted front doorway. All windows are double-hung sash with 6-over-6 lights. The front and rear facades are identical in composition and decorative detail.

Reinforcing the feeling of stateliness exhibited in the main building are two identical flanking wings also constructed of brick laid in American bond. Each wing is three bays wide and two stories tall. As in the main block, all windows are 6-over-6 double hung sash and are topped by flat arch window caps. The southern wing is the original kitchen wing, while the northern wing is a 1930's addition to the main house. This wing was built of original interior brick, obtained when alterations took place in the 1930's and now serves as the kitchen wing.

Cremona is distinguished by its many delicately panelled rooms, an interesting central hall entrance staircase, and diversified mantel treatment in the house's major rooms. On the first floor, the large dining and drawing rooms are subdivided by a central hallway. A fine Federal doorway is found in the central hall. Notable features are an elliptical fan-light divided into seven divisions by wooden muntins, and matching side-lights. The six-panelled door with box lock is accentuated by an ornate panelled surround. Original pine flooring is retained, as is the 13-step open stairway. This closed string stairway has a deeply fluted string course molding, simple square painted balusters, and turned newel posts. The stairway leads to a landing which runs the width of the central hallway, between the first and second floors. From the landing, two sets of 7-step stairs face each other and rise to entry landings for both sets of rooms on the building's second floor.

Perhaps Cremona's richest decorative features are found in the many finely detailed mantelpieces on the first and second floors. The most ornate one is located in the dining room. This marble mantel, reportedly moved to Cremona from an early 19th century house in Ohio, is notable for its

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Ionic attached half columns. A marbleized wooden baseboard is also found in the dining room, which further emphasizes the presence of the mantelpiece. The finest examples, however, are the pair of Federal mantels in the drawing room. Here, slender fluted Doric colonettes and corresponding projecting entablature blocks are distinctive features. In the mantel's frieze, a centrally placed rectangular panel boasts typical swag motifs and delicate curved forms. In the southwest bedroom, the mantel treatment is similar to those in the drawing room. Here, fluted pilasters replace the colonettes found in the drawing room's mantels, while the central panel is decorated in identical fashion. The mantel in the northwest bedroom is similar to that in the southeast bedroom, but is simpler in decorative detail. Here, fluted pilasters are found, but there is no decoration in the frieze or entablature blocks. Although the northeast bedroom's mantel is identical in size and scale to the others already discussed, attached Tuscan half columns replace the fluted pilaster as a decorative detail. Finally, the fireplace located in the library of the 1930s wing addition is constructed of pine panelling taken from another historic house in Baltimore, Maryland. A sturdy bolection molding with shoulders marks the fireplace opening.

Many architectural details exist in the original kitchen wing. Prominent are the large fireplaces with massive wooden lintel, brick herringbone patterned flooring, and rough pine doorways with original hardware. One of the two exterior doors to this wing is constructed of four large vertical pine boards overlapped at the top, middle and bottom by three horizontal chamfered boards. Here, the original iron strap hinges and box lock are intact. Other interior doors are also constructed of pine, but are of a six-panel type more in keeping with other Federal homes in this region.

During the 1930's, the owner of this property undertook extensive restoration and reconstruction work on numerous outbuildings on the property. Constructed were a square, hip-roofed ice house and a rectangular, hip-roofed smokehouse, both utilizing brick from the original house that was also undergoing alteration at this time. A square, weatherboard-clad dairy was built nearby. Its hip roof was covered with wooden shingles and a prominent finial. Next to the dairy, a reconstruction of an overseer's house was built. A copy of an Eastern Shore building, this 1 1/2-story five-bay building with projecting wings is covered with weatherboarding and is placed on a shallow brick foundation. The gable roof is pierced by three symmetrically placed

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dormer windows. The front door is marked by a projecting, wooden, one-story portico. To each side of the doorway are two identical 6-over-6 double hung casement windows with shutters. Each projecting wing is also gabled, and has two 6-over-6 paned windows. A dormer is located directly between the two windows in the roof line. Also on the property is the "Mount Vernon" barn, built as a copy of George Washington's barn at Mount Vernon, Virginia.

Original outbuildings include a tobacco barn, now used as a sheep barn and re-sided with cypress planks; the remains, to be restored, of a log barn; and a slave cabin. The latter has been restored and is a one-story, one-room, gable roof structure clad in weatherboarding. It is standing on brick piers and has a detached, exterior chimney.

An extensive, formal English boxwood garden is located on the south side of the main house, bordering the Patuxent River.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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| PERIOD  |   | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW |  |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC          | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION                          |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC    | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION            | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                               | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE                           |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS               | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE                        | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE                         |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE           | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION               | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY                          | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN               |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                    | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING             | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                             | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER                           |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE               | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT  | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY                        | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION                    |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-     | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS         | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY                | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) archi- |  |
|   |   |  |  | ture Federal   |  |
|   |   |  |  | style Unique staircase                                     |  |

SPECIFIC DATES 1658-land grant;1819-present house;  
1930's-restoration

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

During the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries, the economic base of Southern Maryland was the production of tobacco and other agricultural products. These products were grown on large plantations located along the numerous rivers and water courses of the region. The significance of Cremona is that it is a continuing example of this plantation system. This is exemplified by the presence of the main house, the slave cabin, the ice-house, the smoke-house, the overseer's house, the servants' house, the tenant houses, numerous tobacco barns, stables, and barns for cattle, pigs, and sheep.

The land, originally 650 acres on the Patuxent River, was a grant from Cecilius Calvert, Lord Baltimore, to John Ashcomb in 1658: ". . . . John Ashcomb hath Transported six persons into this our Province in the year 1651 and one seryant in the year 1652. . . . (we) Do hereby Grant to the said John Ashcomb all that parcel of Land lying on the south side of Putuxent River. . . ."

From 1658 to 1818 the plantation known as Ashcomb's Land was owned and developed by the Ashcomb family. Due to its location on the Patuxent River, some fifteen miles up from the Chesapeake Bay, Ashcomb's Land had direct sea-born access to the outside world, and it became a port from which tobacco was exported to the world market.

Due to its location directly on the Patuxent River, Ashcomb's Land was in a most vulnerable position in times of war. Local tradition has it that the plantation was sacked and burned by the British during the War of 1812.

In 1818 John Cartwright Ashcomb sold the plantation to William Thomas of the adjoining plantation De La Brooke. Thomas built the present Federal-style house in 1819. As he was an aficionado of stringed instruments, he re-named his plantation Cremona after the Italian city renowned for the making of violins. The Thomas family continued to live at Cremona throughout the 19th century.

During the 1930's, the Davidson family extensively restored the main house and built and re-built many of the barns and dependencies. This family also raised prized Angus cattle on the plantation during the 1930's and 1940's. The herd of cattle was among the finest in the United States; one of the bulls brought the highest international price at auction up to that time.

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In 1966, Dr. Norton T. Dodge purchased Cremona from the heirs of Mrs. Davidson. The river portion of the plantation has been established as an educational foundation by Dr. Dodge and is used for conferences and other educational purposes. The balance of the plantation is still being farmed, producing tobacco, grains, and livestock.

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## GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 935 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,8 3,5,2 5,2,0 4,2 5,6 5,2,0

B 1,8 3,5,5 1,2,0 4,2 5,7 8,8,0

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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C 1,8 3,5,6 4,4,0 4,2 5,6 2,6,0

D 1,8 3,5,3 9,7,0 4,2 5,4 4,6,0

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
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## FORM PREPARED BY

njm

NAME / TITLE

St. Mary's County Committee (L. Brunelle, E. Harman, D. Roberts)

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust

December 5, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

109 Lakeland Drive

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Hollywood

Maryland 20636

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
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(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

|                        |      |
|------------------------|------|
| STATE: <u>Somerset</u> |      |
| COUNTY:                |      |
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| ENTRY NUMBER           | DATE |

|  |   |   |  |
|--|---|---|--|
| 1. NAME  |   |   |  |
| COMMON:<br><u>Cremona</u>  |   |   |  |
| AND/OR HISTORIC:<br><u>West Ashcombe (various spellings), Marsh Neck, Town Neck, Hardship</u>  |   |   |  |
| 2. LOCATION  |   |   |  |
| STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Cremona Road</u><br><u>(between Rt. 6 &amp; Patuxent River - Big house on River between Cremona</u>                      |   |   |  |
| CITY OR TOWN: <u>Mechanicsville</u><br><u>&amp; Persimmon Creeks)</u>  |   |   |  |
| STATE: <u>Maryland</u>   |   | CODE: <u>20659</u>                                    | COUNTY: <u>St. Mary's</u>                              |
| 3. CLASSIFICATION  |   |   |  |
| CATEGORY<br>(Check One)  |   | OWNERSHIP   | STATUS   |
| District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | Public <input type="checkbox"/>             | Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>          | Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>           |
| Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>   | Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | In Process <input type="checkbox"/>                   | Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>                    |
| Object <input type="checkbox"/>  | Both <input type="checkbox"/>               | Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>             | Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC   |   |   |  |
| Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   |   |   |  |
| Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   |   |   |  |
| Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>  |   |   |  |
| No: <input type="checkbox"/>   |   |   |  |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)   |   |   |  |
| Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | Government <input type="checkbox"/>         | Park <input type="checkbox"/>                         | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>                |
| Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>  | Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>         | Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>               |
| Educational <input type="checkbox"/>   | Military <input type="checkbox"/>           | Religious <input type="checkbox"/>                    | <u>rental of</u>                                       |
| Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>   | Museum <input type="checkbox"/>             | Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>                   | <u>various tenant</u>                                  |
| 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY   |   |   |  |
| OWNERS NAME: <u>Norton T. Dodge</u>  |   |   |  |
| STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Cremona</u>  |   |   |  |
| CITY OR TOWN: <u>Mechanicsville</u>  |   | STATE: <u>Maryland</u>                                | CODE: <u>20659</u>                                     |
| 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION   |   |   |  |
| COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: <u>Leonardtown Courthouse (Liber 127, page 07)</u>  |   |   |  |
| STREET AND NUMBER: <u>St. Mary's County Courthouse, Washington St. &amp; Courthouse Drive</u>  |   |   |  |
| CITY OR TOWN: <u>Leonardtown</u>   |   | STATE: <u>Maryland</u>                                | CODE: <u>20650</u>                                     |
| APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:   |   |   |  |
| 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS  |   |   |  |
| TITLE OF SURVEY:   |   |   |  |
| DATE OF SURVEY: Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> |   |   |  |
| DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:   |   |   |  |
| STREET AND NUMBER:   |   |   |  |
| CITY OR TOWN:  |   | STATE:  | CODE:  |

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

|           |   |                                    |                                |   |                                |                                    |
|-----------|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| CONDITION | (Check One)                                   |                                    |                                |   |                                |                                    |
|           | Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Good <input type="checkbox"/>      | Fair <input type="checkbox"/>  | Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>             | Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> | Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/> |
| INTEGRITY | (Check One)                                   |                                    |                                | (Check One)                                       |                                |                                    |
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

CREMONA

This stately brick mansion is an <sup>fine</sup> example of the ~~best~~ architecture of the early <sup>19th C</sup> Republic. Built in 1819, it ~~recently celebrated its one~~ hundred and ~~fiftieth anniversary~~. The two-and-a-half story main section is flanked by balancing wings, <sup>the left wing added in a 1930's restoration</sup>. An unusual hanging staircase, believed by many to be the finest in the country, is of special architectural interest. Rising on the left of the spacious central hall, the first flight ascends half way to the second floor to a landing which spans the width of the hall like a bridge. Here on the right the stairs divide into twin flights to reach the front and rear landings of the second floor. The third floor is reached in a similar manner with a second bridge spanning the center of the hall above the first. In the hall hangs the 1659 Land Grant from Lord Baltimore to John Ashcomb. ~~The property was sold in 1816 to Dr. William Thomas, born at neighboring "De La Brooke", who built the present~~ <sup>the house</sup> house. It is beautifully furnished with fine American and English antiques. In addition to its notable architecture, Cremona is distinguished for its fine setting and lovely gardens on the edge of the Patuxent River between Persimmon and Cremona Creeks.

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(see also ~~the pictures attached~~)

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century ☐  
15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☐ 19th Century ☒

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) House constructed 1817-1819

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

|   |  |                |   |
|---|--|----------------|---|
| Aboriginal                              | Education  | Political      | Urban Planning                                      |
| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>    | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>             | Religion/Phi-  | Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input type="checkbox"/>       | Industry <input type="checkbox"/>                | losophy        | <u>Architectural</u>                                |
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| Art <input type="checkbox"/>            | Landscape  | Sculpture      |   |
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| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>   | Military <input type="checkbox"/>                | Theater        |   |
|   | Music <input type="checkbox"/>                   | Transportation |   |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

In 1649 John Asheom of Berkshire, England was granted 300 acres at Point Patience. He patented Hallowing Point in 1653. Later he was granted West Asheom, on the western shore of the Patuxent River; this is the site now called Cremona. The property was sold in 1816 to Dr. William Thomas (see Deep Falls, SM-71), son-in-law of neighboring "De La Brooke", who built the present house.

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## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY |                         |                         | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY<br>OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE |           |         |
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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

|   |                           |                         |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| NAME AND TITLE:<br><u>Dr. Norton T. Dodge</u> |                           | DATE:<br><u>3/30/70</u> |
| ORGANIZATION                                  |                           |                         |
| STREET AND NUMBER:<br><u>Cremona Farm</u>     |                           |                         |
| CITY OR TOWN:<br><u>Mechanicsville</u>        | STATE:<br><u>Maryland</u> | CODE:<br><u>20659</u>   |

## 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

## NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

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 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

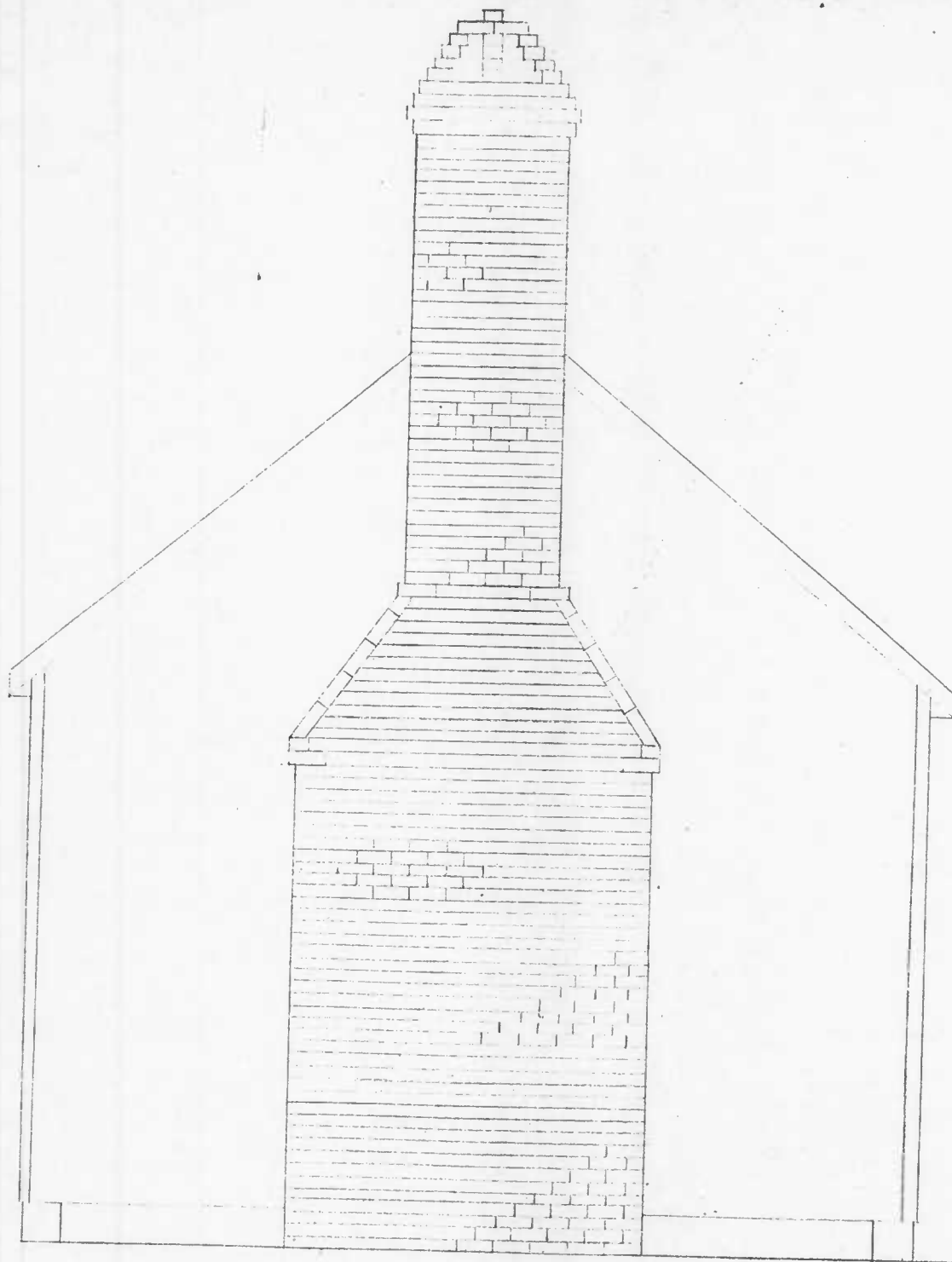
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 MECHANICSVILLE, Pa.  
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"CREMONA"

ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MD.

1912





"CREMONA", near Mechanicsville  
ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MD.

Cremona SM-93  
St. Mary's County, Maryland

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West facade



CREMONA  
ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MD.

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dining room

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STAIRCASE  
CREMONA, ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MD.

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St. Mary's County, Maryland

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Stair hall



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drawing room

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Overseer's House; built about 1930; a  
copy of an earlier house located on the  
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Ice house and Smoke House



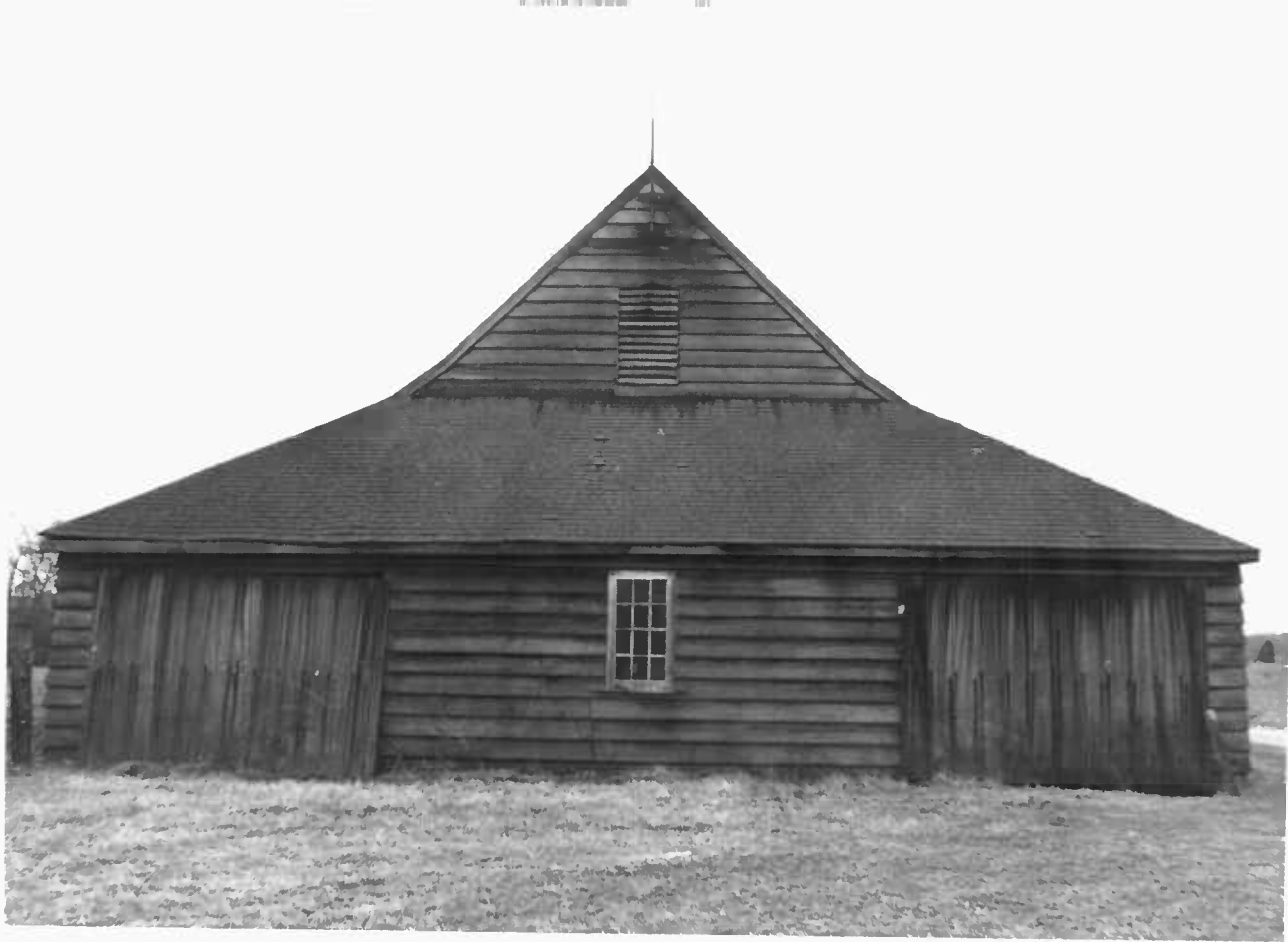
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CREMONA  
"Mount Vernon " Barn; built in 1930's  
as a copy of Washington's barn at  
Mount Vernon, Va.





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CREMONA  
Sheep Barn; original building; has been  
re-sided



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CREMONA  
Dairyhouse; restoration of the 1930's.